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To: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor
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From: 
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**DECEMBER 12, 2000 MOTION: QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROBATION ACCESS
TO THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES/CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

On December 12, 2000, your Board instructed the Department of Children and Family Services to report back on a quarterly basis regarding the actions being taken to expand access of the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System to the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

The following provides you with a summary of actions completed during the first quarter.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Children and Family Services utilizes the State's mandated automated system, Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) as its primary source for tracking children. This automated system, per State policy, may be accessed by only child welfare agencies. The Department has approached the State to request that Probation have access to this system. The State is reviewing its policy on the accessibility of non-child welfare agencies to the system, and a decision from the State is pending with no anticipated timeframe.

**OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN TO ASSIST PROBATION WITH ACCESS TO THE
INFORMATION ON THE CWS/CMS**

Our Management Information Division has met several times with the Probation Department to identify key elements that Probation feels is necessary to meet court requirements. As a result of this process, our Systems Design staff developed an

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application entitled "CWS/CMS Probation Lite" which allows Probation staff to access key elements from the CWS/CMS system via a web application.

In addition to the child case information, the web application also provides Probation staff with the name and telephone number of the social worker for each case. Probation started accessing this system on January 19, 2001.

CONCLUSION

The State has not provided Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services a timeframe for their response regarding non-child welfare agencies access to the CWS/CMS database. Probation is utilizing CWS/CMS Probation Lite. We will continue to monitor the progress of our request to the State and will update the Board once a decision has been made. Unless otherwise instructed by the Board, this will serve as the final quarterly report. The Probation Department is in agreement with this recommendation.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me or your staff may call Michelle Saulters at (213) 351-5787.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
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